

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF SEPTEMBER 22ND, 1938.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore on Thursday, September 22nd, 1938.

Present

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Henry P. Hopkins and Mr. Laurence H. Fowler, Architects for the new State Office Building in Annapolis appeared before the Board and submitted for approval plans and specifications for the new building. After reviewing the plans and specifications, the Board unanimously approved them.

It was agreed that the Architects should advertise for proposals covering -

1. The cost of clearing the site.
2. The cost of moving the Armory from its present location to face on Carroll Street, as planned sometime ago.
3. The cost of constructing the new building in accordance with the plans and specifications.

It was agreed that bidders should submit a certified check in the amount of \$25,000 with their bids, as evidence of good faith, -

that advertisements for proposals should be placed in the Baltimore Sun, the Baltimore News-Post and the Baltimore Daily Record, and that the bids would be opened in the office of the State Treasurer at Annapolis, Maryland, on Tuesday, October 11th, at three o'clock, P.M.

Dr. Gilbert W. Meade, President of Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, appeared before the Board and stated that he had made various efforts to obtain Federal aid in connection with a building program for Washington College, but that he had been unsuccessful, except to the extent that he felt it possible, after being advised from New York, to secure assistance from the Maryland Housing and Planning Commission.

The Board advised Doctor Meade that it has no authority to obligate the State in connection with any application which Washington College would make to the Maryland Housing and Planning Commission for financial assistance for construction work at the College, but that the Board has no objection to any efforts Doctor Meade might make to obtain assistance for the College.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the necessity for passing a resolution approving hourly wage rates for labor to be employed at the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Henryton, Maryland, in connection with which the State is to receive a grant from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works under its Docket Md - 1115-F.

The following resolution was adopted -

RESOLUTION FIXING MINIMUM WAGE RATES

WHEREAS, a thorough investigation has been made of the hourly wage rates which are being paid in the area in which the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, at Henryton, Maryland is located, which is the locality in which the proposed project (hereinafter referred to as "Project") is to be constructed by the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, to employees in

each trade or occupation engaged in work of a nature similar to the work to be performed in the construction of said Project, and the prevailing hourly wage rates being paid in such locality to such employees for such work have been determined by the Board of Public Works according to prevailing rates in the vicinity of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland that the following rates for the respective trades or occupations listed below shall be and are hereby fixed as the minimum hourly wage rates and have been determined in accordance with rates prevailing for work of a similar nature in the locality in which the project is to be constructed:

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Asbestos Workers	\$1.00
Bricklayers	.80
" " Tenders	.45
Carpenters	.65
Cement Finishers	.80
Electrical Workers	.60
Glaziers	.60
Hod Carriers	.45
Hoisting Engineer (1 Drum)	.90
" " (2 Drum)	1.00
Iron Workers - Ornamental	1.00
" " - Structural	1.00
" " - Rodmen	1.00
Lathers - Wood	.65
" - Metal	.65
Marble Setters	1.00
Mosaic and Terrazzo Workers	1.00
Marble Helpers	.60
Terrazzo Helpers	.60
Tile Setters	1.00
" " Helpers	.60
Mortar Tenders	.40
Mortar Mixers	.40
Painters-Paper Hangers & Decorators	.60
Plasterers	.80
" " Tenders	.40
Plumbers	.65
Roofers - Slate and Tile	.60
" - Composition	.60
Sheet Metal Workers	.45
Shovel-Crane-Pile Drvr-Clamshell-Opr.	1.00
Steam Fitters	.65
" " Helpers	.45
Stone Cutters	.80
Stone Masons	.80
Waterproofers	.45
Welders- Arc and Acetylene	1.00
" - Burners - Cutters	.50
Teamsters	.40
Truck Drivers	.45
Laborers - Common	.40
" - Building	.40
Apprentices	.40

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing list of trades or occupations includes to the best of our knowledge, all the classifications of employees who will be engaged in work on said Project other than executive, supervisory, administrative, clerical or other non-manual workers as such.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be transmitted with this resolution the substantiating data upon which the foregoing determination is based.

Mr. Riggin Buckler, Architect for the additions to be made at Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Henryton, Maryland, submitted for the Board's consideration papers covering an application for grant to be filed with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works in the amount of \$23,400.00.

After due consideration the Secretary was authorized to execute the application for grant on behalf of the Board of Public Works and to file it with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

Mr. Riggin Buckler submitted to the Board for its consideration a proposal from Charles T. King, Inc. for labor and the placing of all apparatus as per letter of Mr. James Posey, Engineer, dated September 8th, 1938, plus the specifications and plans Nos 1, 2 and 4, as prepared by Mr. James Posey at Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Henryton, Maryland, in the sum of \$4,989.00. A letter from Mr. Posey, approved by Dr. H. Warren Buckler, President; Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and Doctor Victor F. Cullen, Superintendent, recommending the acceptance of the proposal of Charles T. King Inc., accompanied the proposal. The bid of Charles T. King, Inc. was the low bid received for the work.

The Board approved the awarding of the contract to Charles T. King, Inc.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a recommendation from Mr. Henry P. Hopkins, Architect, requesting the Board to approve wages of 50¢ per hour for Lather's Apprentices and 50¢ per hour for Plasterer's Apprentices on work at Rosewood State Training School, Springfield State Hospital and Eastern Shore State Hospital, on which projects the State is to receive grants from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

The Board approved the wage rates as indicated.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from Doctor John J. Rutledge, Chief, Bureau of Mines, that he be allowed to expend from the receipts coming to the Bureau of Mines from the issuance of licenses to weighmasters, under the provisions of Chapter 349 of the Acts of 1937, known as the Coal Dealer's Law, the sum of \$2,230.00, for expenses of administering the law.

Dr. Rutledge indicated that the rent of a truck for three months would be \$345.00, the cost of gasoline and oil for operating the truck \$135.00, the cost of weights \$200.00, the cost of traveling and compensation for the men who would do the work of testing the scales \$1,400.00 and miscellaneous expenses \$150.00.

The Board approved Doctor Rutledge's request and suggested that a Budget Amendment be submitted under the provisions of Section 3 of the Budget Law, authorizing the use of excess fees. The amounts named are approximately the amounts to be expended in the administration of the law.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated August 25th, 1938, from the Public Service Commission, advising of the willingness of the Commission to transfer to the University of Maryland certain publications in the files of the Commission which are of no further use to the Commission, but which would be of some value to the University in its Library.

The Board approved the transfer of the books and publications as recommended by the Commission.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter addressed to it under date of August 19th, 1938 by the Board of Welfare, in which their program for the expenditure of the funds available to the Board of Welfare for work at the Maryland Penitentiary was provided and the request of the Board of Welfare that the Board of Public Works authorize the work to be done at the Maryland Penitentiary, covering the remodeling of the piping and plumbing at the Institution at a total estimated cost of \$90,909.09, was approved. This approval confirms the verbal approval given by the members of the Board upon receipt of the letter of the Board of Welfare, dated August 19th, 1938, and confirmed to the Board of Welfare by the Secretary of the Board of Public Works under date of August 24th, 1938.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from the State Roads Commission, asking for an allocation from the Emergency Reconstruction Bond Issue of 1936, in the amount of \$5,500.00, for the rebuilding of a culvert on the road from Pomfret to Benville, over Old Woman's Branch, in Charles County, Maryland.

The allocation was approved.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in which authority was requested to write off as uncollectible a fine of \$100.00, charged to Justice of the Peace W. Jamison, Aberdeen, Maryland, in the case of John W. Stansbury, October 31, 1934. An investigation of the account indicated that a fine of \$6.00 and costs was collected from the defendant on a charge of failure to have an operator's license in his possession and that the record as to a fine of \$100.00 is very uncertain.

The request for the writing off of this account was approved.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board an estimate furnished by James A. Lloyd, Contractor, to Mr. E. Lee Kries, State Engineer, covering the work of cutting two doorways in the walls of the State House corridor, one leading into the Flag Room from the Lobby and another one directly opposite, leading into the quarters heretofore used by the Department of Legislative Reference, but which will hereafter be used as a room for the lady members of the General Assembly.

The estimate shows a cost for labor and material of \$706.15, to which was added profit and overhead of 10%, or \$70.61, making a total cost of \$776.76.

The Board authorized the doing of the work by Mr. Lloyd at the estimate given, payment to be made out of the allowance in the Budget of the Board of Public Works for the fiscal year 1939 for General Repairs and Replacements for Public Buildings.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a list of taxes owing by foreign corporations for the years 1932 to 1937, inclusive, totaling \$16,657.07. The Comptroller reported to the Board that a diligent effort had been made by the office to collect these outstanding accounts but that in all of the cases it was ascertained that the corporations were either no longer in existence or not doing business in the State of Maryland, and that it was impossible to effect collection of the taxes.

The Comptroller was authorized to charge the accounts from his books as uncollectible.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from the office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles that that office be authorized to charge from their books as uncollectible certain accounts they have been carrying for fines imposed for violations of the Motor Vehicle Laws. In one case a fine of \$20.00 was imposed upon Lewis Cheek, Darlington, Maryland. The records of the Justice of the Peace shows that an appeal was noted but a search of the Criminal Appeal Dockets of the Circuit Court for Harford County fails to show that any such appeal was docketed. The defendant is reported to have left Harford County several years ago with his present whereabouts unknown.

In another case a fine of \$1.00 was imposed upon H. D. Dirickson, Ocean City, Maryland by Magistrate Levin H. Hall, deceased. An appeal was taken, but no record appears of the appeal on the Criminal Appeal Dockets of the Circuit Court for Worcester County. Dirickson is reported to be living outside the State.

A fine of \$5.00 was imposed upon Edward D. Hayward, Pocomoke, Md., by Magistrate J. T. Riley, on December 16th, 1935. An appeal was noted but no record of the appeal was found on the Criminal Appeal Docket of Worcester County. The Magistrate is now confined to the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. suffering from cancer of the throat.

The request that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles be authorized to write off these accounts as uncollectible was approved.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board an estimate made by Charles T. King, Inc. for the furnishing and installation of a feed water heater at the State Power House to replace the one which has been in use for a number of years. The amount of the estimate was \$635.00.

The Secretary was instructed to refer the matter to Mr. Henry P. Hopkins and Mr. James Posey, Architect and Engineer, respectively, for the new State Office Building for their advice as to whether they approve the estimate and the installation of the heater, with authority to authorize the work in case they are agreeable to this being done.

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The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Edgar A. Poe, Jr., who has been handling the matter of the State's claim against the Liquidator of the National Surety Company in connection with the liability of that surety under bonds given to the State, covering moneys of the State on deposit in the Union Trust Company of Maryland.

Mr. Poe suggested that a letter be written to Mr. McAdams, President of the Union Trust Company, to the effect that in view of the agreement by the National Surety Company to pay the claims of the State of Maryland arising in connection with the deposits in the Union Trust Company, which agreement involves among other things the retention of 5,679 shares of stock of the Union Trust Company by the State of Maryland valued at \$10.87 per share, which sum was deducted from the total claim, the State of Maryland is willing to receive these certificates and accept delivery on the express condition that the settlement between the State of Maryland and the Liquidator of the National Surety Company is finally approved by the proper courts in the State of New York, and furthermore, that if for any reason this settlement does not receive the final approval of the New York courts, the State will, at its option, be free to return the certificates without incurring liability of any sort.

The suggestion of Mr. Poe was agreeable to the Board and arrangements for carrying out the plans were authorized.

The Board considered and approved the following budget amendments, all of them involving 1938 appropriations with the exception of one of the amendments of St. Mary's Female Seminary, which is for the fiscal year 1939, and continued in that year items approved in the 1938 budget - and other departments so noted -

The State Department of Health	- dated September 16, 1938.	
The Conservation Department	- dated September 1, 1938.	
The Military Department	- dated September - 1938.	
Maryland House of Correction	- dated September 15, 1938.	
State Teachers College, Towson	- dated September 15, 1938.	
The Maryland State Library	- dated September 2, 1938.	
State Law Department	- dated September 1, 1938.	
Maryland State Police	- dated September 2, 1938.	
State Tobacco Warehouse	- dated August 8, 1938.	
State Tobacco Warehouse	- dated September 7, 1938.	
Montrose School for Girls	- dated September 7, 1938.	
Vocational Education	- dated September 7, 1938.	
State Teachers College, Bowie	- dated September 7, 1938.	
Comptroller of the Treasury	- dated September 9, 1938.	
Eastern Shore State Hospital	- dated September 10, 1938.	
St. Mary's Female Seminary	- dated September 21, 1938.	- \$1,500.00
St. Mary's Female Seminary	- dated September 21, 1938.	- 530.62
1939-St. Mary's Female Seminary	- dated September 21, 1938.	- 545.00 -
St. Mary's Female Seminary	- dated September 21, 1938.	- 135.00
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles	- dated September 20, 1938.	- 5,143.87
Md. State School for the Deaf	- dated September 20, 1938.	- 2,209.30
St. Industrial Accident Com.	- dated September 8, 1938.	- 1,300.00
Md. Training School for Col. Girls	- dated September 20, 1938.	- 255.93
State Game Dept. of Md.	- dated September 20, 1938.	- 1,200.00
Rosewood State Training School	- dated September 21, 1938.	- 1,510.00
Rosewood State Training School	- dated September 21, 1938.	- 8,230.00
Springfield State Hospital	- dated September 20, 1938.	- 3,700.00
Spring Grove State Hospital	- dated September 20, 1938.	- 1,738.46
Spring Grove State Hospital	- dated September 23, 1938.	- 390.00
State Employment Commission	- dated September 21, 1938.	- 684.55
State Dept. of Health	- dated September 22, 1938.	- 781.87
Crownsville State Hospital	- dated September 22, 1938.	- 12,864.83
1939-State Tobacco Warehouse	- dated August 26, 1938.	- 500.00
1939-Md. Training School for Colored Girls	- September 2, 1938.	- 280.00
1939-Spring Grove State Hospital	- dated August 16, 1938.	- 60,218.76
1939-The Public Schools	- dated August 1, 1938.	- 22,650.00
1939-The Public Schools and State Teachers' College-Towson	- dated August 2, 1938.	- 7,360.00
Cheltenham School for Boys	- dated September 16, 1938.	- 550.00
1939-Military Department	- dated September 6, 1938.	- 5,020.00

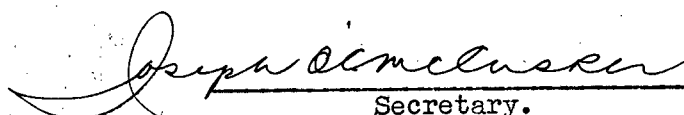
The Secretary took up with the Board the question of approval of Budget Amendments for the fiscal year 1939, having at the time quite a few amendments for that year. Without going into the question of the individual amendments, the Board stated that it would not approve any 1939 Budget Amendments where any increases in salaries of employees over amounts received in 1938 were involved.

It will be agreeable to the Board in considering 1939 amendments if the Departments would amend their 1939 salary items to the extent that the employees in 1939 would receive salaries equal to those received by employees in 1938, taking into consideration any amendments in the 1938 year involving increases in salaries, but that no increases in 1939 over 1938 would be approved.

The Comptroller's Office was authorized to review the amendments and to recommend as complying with the Board's views those which were in accordance therewith and return for revision any amendments not conforming to the views of the Board as to salaries.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary.

- * The Secretary presented a letter which was addressed to the Governor by W. N. Rehlaender, Administrative Assistant, Treasury Department, Procurement Division, Washington, D.C., covering the transfer to the State Department of Forestry of 2 Barracks, located at CCC Camp S-52, Grantsville, in Garrett County, Maryland. The Board approved the acceptance of this property by the State Department of Forestry in accordance with the offer of the Procurement Division.
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The Secretary reported to the Board for its information that the Public Works Administration had made grants of \$1,024,650 in the case of the University of Maryland, \$78,210.00 in the case of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and \$409,091.00 in the case of the Board of Welfare for use at the Maryland Penitentiary and Maryland House of Correction.
